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Sir:

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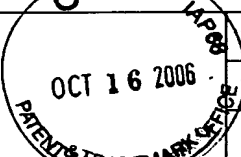
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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO	
										Eng. Abstract
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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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